




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For: SEAL SHAFT SHUTOFF DEVICE AND METHOD

DECISION ON
PETITION

On November 4, 2003, applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), along with the \$180.00 required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) and a copy of the reference. On November 19, 2003, a notice of allowance was issued which failed to include a site to the November 4, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). On December 8, 2003, applicants Petitioned for Consideration of the initial PTO-1449 and provided a canceled postcard as evidence of the timely submission. The Petition for Consideration was accompanied by a check for \$130.00 to cover the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

The standards for filing an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) set forth in 37 CFR 1.97 were revised effective November 7, 2000. As set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(d), an IDS filed after allowance and before issue fee payment will be considered if it is accompanied by (1) a statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e) and (2) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). As a petition is no longer required, the present petition is dismissed. As noted above, the first requirement of 37 CFR 1.97(d) has been met. The current fee for filing an IDS after allowance is \$180.00 has been met.

The application will then be forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the IDS.

The petition is DISMISSED.



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